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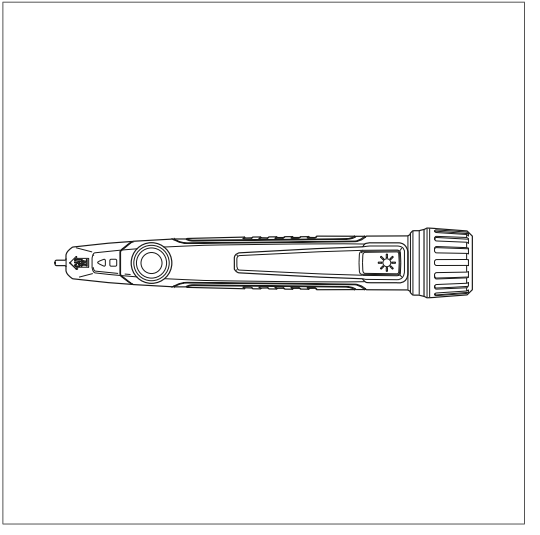

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Note
Before operating the device, you must read, understand, and follow all instructions, dangers, warnings, cautions, and notes.

Note
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Note
Do not try to repair this unit. There are no user serviceable parts.

Note
Remove the batteries if the device is not used for an extended period of time.

WARNING

Do not operate the device if you do not have the correct knowledge. Formal qualifications and/or national legislation for the electrical inspections can apply. Incorrect operation of the device can cause damage, shock, injury or death to persons.

WARNING

Before you use the unit, always do a test of the Voltage Detector on a known live circuit to make sure that it operates correctly. There is a risk of electrocution if you do not do this. Injury to persons can occur.

WARNING

Make sure that you keep your hands and fingers on the body of the probe and away from the probe tip. There is a risk of electrocution if you do not do this. Injury can occur.

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WARNING

Do not put the unit near high temperatures or in areas of high humidity. This can cause damage to the instrument.

WARNING

Do not use the unit if it is wet or if there is damage to it. Injury to persons can occur.

WARNING

Do not apply more than the rated voltage between the probe tip and the ground. This can cause damage to the instrument and injury to persons.

WARNING

Do not operate with the case open. Injury to persons can occur.

WARNING

Do not use the instrument before you have done a test of it on a known live circuit. Injury to persons can occur.

WARNING

Do not try to use the instrument as an AC voltage detector if the batteries are weak or bad. This can cause damage to the instrument.

WARNING

Make sure that children cannot touch the device. The device contains dangerous objects and small parts that children can swallow. If a child swallows an object or a part, speak with a physician immediately. Injury to persons can occur.

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2 Safety information

WARNING

Do not let children play with the batteries and/or the packing material. These can be dangerous for children if they use them as toys.

WARNING

Do not touch expired or damaged batteries without gloves. Injury to persons can occur.

WARNING

Do not cause a short-circuit of the batteries. This can cause damage to the instrument and can cause injury to persons.

WARNING

Do not put the batteries into a fire. Injury to persons can occur.

CAUTION

Do not use the device for a procedure that it is not made for. This can cause damage to the protection.

	This symbol, adjacent to another symbol or terminal, indicates that the user must refer to the manual for further information.
	This symbol, adjacent to a terminal, indicates that, under normal use, hazardous voltages may be present.
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3 Introduction

Congratulations on your purchase of the FLIR VP50/VP52 non-contact AC voltage detector. Proper use and care of this meter will provide many years of reliable service.

The portable, rugged FLIR VP50/VP52 can detect the presence of AC voltage at an electrical outlet, junction strip, circuit, or other device without actually touching the device under test (FLIR VP50: Minimum excitation voltage is 90 V AC; FLIR VP52: Minimum excitation voltage is 190 V AC). The FLIR VP50/VP52 includes a high-sensitivity mode that can be used to detect low-level AC voltage signals down to a minimum of 24 V AC. The vibrating and visual cues alert the user to the presence of AC voltage. The bright built-in light systems permit operation in dimly lit areas.

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4 Description

4.1 Meter parts

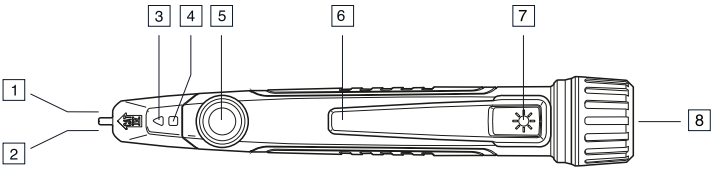

Figure 4.1 Meter parts

1. AC voltage sensor.
2. Tip light.
3. Alarm indicator.
4. Status indicator.
5. Power button.
6. Pocket clip.
7. Work light button.
8. Work light and cover for battery compartment.

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5 Operation

Note
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WARNING

Do not operate with the case open. Injury to persons can occur.

5.1 Modes

The meter operates in two different modes: Normal mode and High-sensitivity mode. The excitation voltage required to activate the meter alarm is much lower in High-sensitivity mode.

- In Normal mode, the minimum excitation voltage is 90 V AC (FLIR VP50)/190 V AC (FLIR VP52).
- In High-sensitivity mode, the minimum excitation voltage is 24 V AC.

5.2 Basic operation

1. Press and hold the power button for at least 2 seconds to switch on the meter. The meter vibrates briefly and the tip light turns on. The status indicator should be solid green, indicating a proper working condition. If the status indicator is flashing amber through the triangle, replace the batteries. If the status indicator is flashing red, the meter is experiencing a malfunction—contact FLIR Systems for service.

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2. Once powered on, press the power button to toggle between High-sensitivity mode and Normal mode.

   Note
   Test on a known live circuit before testing on an uncertain circuit.

   - In Normal mode, the status indicator illuminates a solid green color.
   - In High-sensitivity mode, the status indicator illuminates a solid amber color through the square.

3. Hold the AC voltage sensor very close to the voltage source.
4. If voltage is present, the meter vibrates and the alarm indicator flashes.
   - In Normal mode, the alarm indicator flashes red.
   - In High-sensitivity mode, the alarm indicator flashes an amber color.
5. To switch off the meter, press and hold down the power button for at least 2 seconds. The status LED and the tip light turn off.

5.3 Work light

To turn the work light on or off, press and hold the work light button for 2 seconds.

5.4 Indication of low battery level

When the battery voltage falls below 2.4 V DC, the amber status LED starts flashing. After 1 minute of flashing, the meter automatically turns off.

5.5 Auto power off

When using the meter in Normal mode or High sensitivity mode, the meter turns off after 3 minutes of inactivity. Press the power button to prevent the meter from turning off. The auto power off time-out is then reset.

The work light turns off after 30 minutes. This can not be prevented by pressing any button.

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6 Maintenance

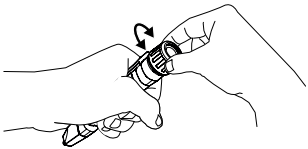
6.1 Cleaning and storage

Clean the meter with a damp cloth and mild detergent; do not use abrasives or solvents.

If the meter is not to be used for an extended period, remove the batteries and store them separately.

6.2 Battery replacement

1. Switch off the meter before attempting to replace the batteries.
2. Unscrew the head of the meter.



3. Replace the two standard AAA batteries, observing correct polarity.
4. Secure the battery compartment cover.

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7 Technical specifications

7.1 System specifications

Dimensions	29 mm × 26 mm × 156 mm(1.1″ × 1.0″ × 6.1″)
Weight	0.20 kg (0.44 lb), including batteries
Battery life	7 hours continuous with the work light off
Battery type	2 × AAA (LR03)
Agency approvals	CE, UL/cUL
FLIR VP50 excitation voltage	90 V AC minimum
FLIR VP52 excitation voltage	190 V AC minimum
Voltage ranges	90 to 1000 V (FLIR VP50) 190 to 1000 V (FLIR VP52) 24 to 1000 V in high sensitivity mode (FLIR VP50 and FLIR VP52)
Detection distance	0 to 5 cm
Category rating	CAT IV-1000 V
Frequency range	45 - 65 Hz
Built-in work light	Yes
Vibrating indication	Yes
Off switch	Yes

7.2 Environmental specifications

Operating temperature	0°C to 60°C (–32°F to 140°F)
Storage temperature	–40°C to 90°C (–40°F to 194°F)

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